

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1           1. A padded license plate screw assembly, comprising:

2           (a) a screw having a head and a shank extending from the  
3 head, the screw being dimensioned and configured for attaching a  
4 license plate to an automobile bumper;

5           (b) a washer disposed on the shank below the head of the  
6 screw; and

7           (c) a cushion cap having a centrally aligned hollow shaft,  
8 the cap being permanently attached to the washer and covering the  
9 head of the screw, the hollow shaft being aligned above the head  
10 of the screw in order to allow a screw driving device to pass  
11 through the shaft and engage the head of the screw for fastening  
12 the license plate to the bumper.

1           2. The padded license plate screw assembly according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said cushion cap is made from neoprene.

1        3.    The padded license plate screw assembly according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said washer has a plurality of tapered holes  
3 defined therein, said cap having corresponding tapered  
4 protrusions extending into the tapered holed in order to secure  
5 said cap to said washer.

1        4.    The padded license plate screw assembly according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said cap is constructed of a transparent  
3 material.

1        5.    The padded license plate screw assembly according to  
2 claim 1, wherein the screw is a flathead screw, the head having  
3 a tapered bottom surface forming a countersink, washer having a  
4 countersunk bore defined therein corresponding to and mating  
5 with the bottom surface of the head of the screw.

1           6. A padded license plate screw assembly, comprising:

2           (a) a screw having a flat, extended head and a shank  
3 extending from the head, the screw being dimensioned and  
4 configured for attaching a license plate to an automobile bumper;  
5 and

6           (b) a cushion cap having a centrally aligned hollow shaft,  
7 said cap being permanently attached to the head of the screw and  
8 covering the head of the screw, the hollow shaft being aligned  
9 above the head of the screw in order to allow a screw driving  
10 device to pass through the shaft to engage the head of the screw  
11 for fastening the license plate to the bumper.

1           7. The padded license plate screw assembly according to  
2 claim 6, wherein said cushion cap is made from neoprene.

1           8. The padded license plate screw assembly according to  
2 claim 6, wherein the head of said screw has a plurality of  
3 tapered holes defined therein, said cap having a plurality of  
4 corresponding tapered protrusions extending into the tapered  
5 holes in order to secure said cap to the head of said screw.

1           9.    The padded license plate screw according to claim 6,  
2    wherein said rubber cap is constructed of a transparent  
3    material.